

wanted to compromise for, they were thinking they might compromise, they'd have to run it by the Governor and what-have-you, guess where it was? They said tell you what, we might compromise at the 3.5 percent and...but you've got to let LB 425 come up to a vote and we want to change it to 3 million and we want to bring that up to a vote. That was the...that was the compromise that was thrown out. Now, to be fair to the Governor, when that was run by the Governor, he said no, or my understanding is he said no. But it was interesting that the staff who had been working on the Governor's initiatives, that was the first thing that they were going to compromise on. Nothing on education policy, nothing on what's going to happen to special education, nothing on LB 613, it was LB 425. And when you looked at the sheet that we have, the only way, for the time being, for 425 to pass at a 6 million level is to increase the amount of savings. Surprise how that would be. If we just get...squeak out another 6 million of savings, we'll be able to fund everything on Final Reading and Select File, including the SEED program, at 6 million. And I'll bet you odds. I ran the amendment, though Senator Warner was correct, it was too soon, but I wanted to try to send a message and get a shot or at least talk about it a little bit, I'm not sure if I offer the amendment, if this bill goes on in its present form and passes and I offer the amendment that we take the savings extra off the board, my sense right now is that amendment won't pass. They won't be willing to lose that "flexibility". I don't mind. I can...I'm in...I'm in good shape. I'll move to recess again, if the body wants to do so, and I suspect the reason they didn't recess the first time is because they didn't want to come back at 8:30, they'd rather come back at 8:00. That will be my next motion and we'll go that...we'll go that route, because they probably wanted to get more time work and I appreciate that. I simply, on this reconsideration, would like to just kind of lay the...lay of the land a little bit. If we don't get to a vote on this bill, the ramifications will be the bill will carry over to next year. That will be okay because all the studies will go. We'll have all of the information to make some good policy decisions. But on the green sheet you take off 6 million dollar savings and then we really will have some...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..tough decisions to do and I suspect we may have to bring the budget back for some amendments because we won't be able to meet that...that requirement. So there is a